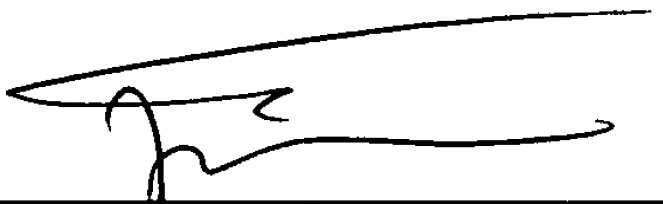


REMARKS

In view of the foregoing, claims 22-26 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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